



SHORELINE TIDINGS



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Monthly Newsletter of SHORELINE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

All-Church Picnic Saturday July 19

At last we have a plan!

We'll have our All-church potluck picnic on Saturday afternoon, July 19, at 2:00 p.m.

Arriving at this new date makes it possible for all of our ethnic groups to participate.

The Fijian Fellowship plans to provide a traditional dance, called a "Meke."

Help will be needed for the various tasks -

MANY HANDS WILL MAKE FOR LIGHT WORK!

Details will be announced soon.

The Pacific Northwest Annual Conference

From Pastor Tui and Pastor Kristen: Hundreds of people, the people of God gathered together in Moscow, Idaho. The theme was "Living in the United Methodist Way," which means, "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open doors." The importance of small groups was lifted up: "Supporting one another, loving one another, and living in peace."

Bishop Ed Paup was recognized for his service to the Conference. In an unusual move, He is resigning as a Bishop as of the end of September to take the position of General Secretary of the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries.

There was a wonderful global mission fair, which featured table displays of what local churches are doing.

There were 20 pastors who retired. There were six new clergy full members ordained, all women. (Where are the men!).

In a spirit of repentance, an apology was issued by the PNWAC to the Native American community for the unfortunate negative impact that the ministry of the church has had upon their land and their culture.

Two names were voted to be forwarded to the forthcoming Jurisdictional Conference as candidates for the office of bishop, one of them our District Supt., Elaine Stanovsky.

New church starts, especially of ethnic churches, are exciting. We now have 11 languages used in the churches in this conference.

The most controversial issue taken up was about physician-assisted suicide. The debate was generally respectful, was not shortened, and in the end a resolution was not approved.

Missions Update

The Missions Committee met on June 8th to decide what should be done with the monies from our last fundraiser and to plan for another Missions fundraiser this year. The recommendations were taken to the Administrative Council the following week and were approved as follows:

There is approximately \$1,200 in the Missions budget, and it will be equally divided for these four missions: (1) Sewing machines for Hope for the Children of Africa; (2) UMCOR (United Methodists Committee for Disaster Relief); (3) Methodist Church in Fiji's United Methodist Women for distribution of their prioritized Missions needs; and (4) the Pakistan or Indian Church designated by Pastor Mahesh.

We also agreed to undertake another fundraiser this year. It will be another potluck, entertainment, and auction with participation from all three fellowships and will be in mid-September. Planning for this needs to begin soon, so please say yes and bring your ideas when asked to help – or better, yet – please volunteer to take a lead role in the planning. You can contact Pastor David Williams to volunteer.

Nellie Ann Mills

Childrens' Time

Sidonia Curran is famous for her meaningful and entertaining Children's sermons.

On June 22, she shared a wonderful story about a loving, humble deed that her father did for a neighbor.



Congratulations, Yashoda!

Yashoda Pillay has just graduated from high school. On June 15th, during the English worship service, she was presented a Bible. Our prayers and best wishes go with Yashoda as she begins a new Chapter in her life.

Infinite Grace!

Alicia Buterbaugh and **Janelle Woolsey** gave us their enthusiastic report on the *Infinite Grace Women's Retreat* which they attended at Key Arena on June 28.

It was inspiring and thoroughly enjoyable, with great stories that "made you laugh and cry, and want to go out into the world and do great things for God and for your church."



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Austin Peter who celebrates his birthday on July 25



Progress with our Prayer Chain

Our prayer chain has begun to work. Here's how it works:

Basically, there is one chain for each of the three Fellowships. The chain will start with each of the three pastors, who will initiate the response. If the pastor is away, someone will be designated to initiate the response.

To initiate a prayer request, give it to the Pastor or someone on the Prayer team, who will see that the pastor receives it.

There are "Request for Prayer" forms available at the worship service each Sunday, and these may be filled out and either placed in the offering plate or given to the pastor.

The English prayer team now has 12 members, plus the pastor. Many on that prayer team have email addresses, and the pastor will not only initiate the Prayer Chain, but will also send a group email, to increase the chances that more members will have the request quickly.

The task of keeping phone numbers and email addresses current will be ongoing.



Sidonia Curran, Meredani Niutau, Darrrell Waller, and Andy Proudfoot Sang for us at the June 22 morning service

Special Music This Summer

With the choir in recess for the summer, Connie Waller has put together a roster of solos, duets, small ensembles and other interesting contributions from our members.

This has been a great opportunity for us to learn about the talents of our friends! We've already enjoyed **Meredani, Melanei, Peni, and Pastor Tui**; Pastor Dave and his two daughters and two grandsons; **Sidonia, Meredani, Andy, and Darrell**; **Darrell and Connie**. More delights are in store!

"Monday Women's Group"

The women who meet every other Monday evening are taking the summer off as usual. We are more than just a Bible study and less than a Bible study. The informal gathering at 7:00 every other Monday during the nine months between September and May gather for community and spiritual growth. This includes sharing our journey in life, praying for one another, and usually using a book with which to inspire spiritual growth. Last year we used the book, The Heart of Christianity (author-Marcus Borg) with a study guide. This book requires the reader question many "for sure" beliefs and asks the reader to examine her/his faith. Sometimes the questioning of a belief system can be irritating or frustrating, freeing and/or rewarding. The time spent in this study was probably all of those things; however, I would add beneficial in strengthening those who took the study to heart. In the spring we started a new study from a series called Great Themes of the Bible, Jesus' Life, Teachings and Ministry, by Harry Kiely. Great Themes of the Bible series attempts to look at a theme in the bible and relate this to issues and questions in contemporary life. We will begin next fall with the last two chapters of this study. We have had women come and then leave over about ten years. We are open to anyone attending and encourage you to come join us next fall.

HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY
Connie and Darrell!
Celebrated 38 years
Of marriage on
Sunday, June 29.
They shared their gratitude
With us by providing
Our "Special Music"

Fijian Choir Fundraisers

Some of you have noted the Saturday barbecues that are taking place "next door" (more than one location!) to the church.

This is a traditional way to raise funds, and in this case it is to help our **Fijian Choir** to raise enough money to send the members to Corte Madera, California for a regional Choir Competition to be held on Saturday, July 26. Cash contributions are most welcome!

Our **Fijian choir** is well-known in the area, and it has won a number of trophies, for its excellence. Perhaps you've seen them in our library.

Needless to say, rehearsals are taking place as well as fundraisers!



It takes many talents to be a pastor!

Here Pastor

Jale Tuirotuma

Trims the grass outside the office.

*A more well-dressed gardener
we've never seen before!*

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